

WHO WILL BRING US HOME?

ADVENT 4 - LOVE

Warm up question:

- When is a time you really enjoyed a homecoming, either your own or of a loved one.

Read 2 Samuel 7:1-16

1. What does verse 1 say about all the LORD has done for David? How does David want to respond?
2. How does Nathan respond to David's words to him? Was he right in his response to David?
3. In verses 5-16 the LORD responds to David through a vision given to the prophet Nathan. How would you summarise the LORD's response?
4. What do verses 5-7 tell us about how the LORD feels about his current living arrangements? What do they tell us about God's love for his people?
5. What do verses 8-11 tell us about God's dealings with David and with his people? How does this passage make you feel about God?
6. In v.12-16 God gives Nathan a prophecy about who will build him a temple. Who is it going to be and why does God choose this person (see 1 Kings 9:1-3)?
7. Sadly, the King who built the temple began to worship the God's of his wives towards the end of his life. How does Jesus better fulfil the prophecy given here?
8. Why is the temple so important in the Bible? Who is our temple today (see Hebrews 8:1-6)?
9. In the New Jerusalem at the end of the Bible, there is no temple (see Revelation 21:22-27). Why is there no temple in God's new heavenly city?
10. One day, at the second advent when Jesus returns to our world, God will welcome all his people into our eternal home. What does 2 Samuel 7:1-16 tell us about God and how he will receive us?

Read Psalm 89:1-4 and then verses 19-27

11. What does this Psalm tell us about God's faithfulness to his promises and passion for his people?
12. Why is this a joyful message for all the world this year?

Rubber hits the road:

- What is your response to the question, "Who will bring us home?"
- How will the hope of this incoming inspire you to live this week?

PRAYER

Loving Lord God, thank you that when David tried to build you a house, you had better ideas. Thank you that your plans are always above our plans and that we can trust you in all things. Thank you that you are so gracious and compassionate and that you have established King Jesus on his rightful throne forever. Help us to trust him for all things and to look for his coming in glory all the days of our lives. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

